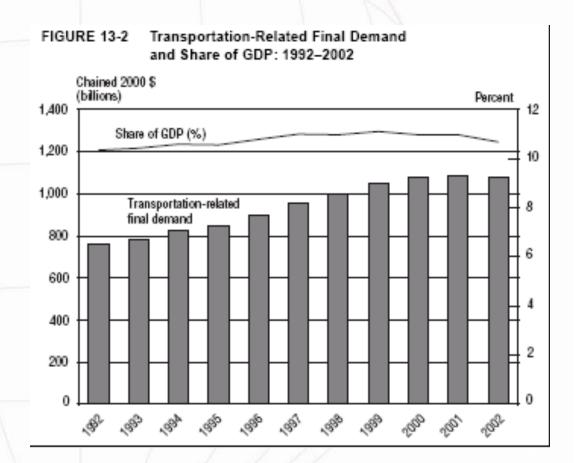


The need is growing

- Transportation of goods and services is 11 percent of the U.S. economy and supports one in eight jobs.
- Transportation costs account for 62% of all logistics costs, 6% of gross revenue.
- Congestion is \$75 billion in lost productivity each year.



Source: BTS, 2005

Federal Transportation Advisory Group 2005

National priorities shape opportunities

Increase Border Safety

- •In 2002, Canada was the leading export market for 39 of the 50 US states.
- •Between 1994-2003 bilateral trade between Canada and Mexico more than doubled from \$6.5 billion to \$15.1 billion.

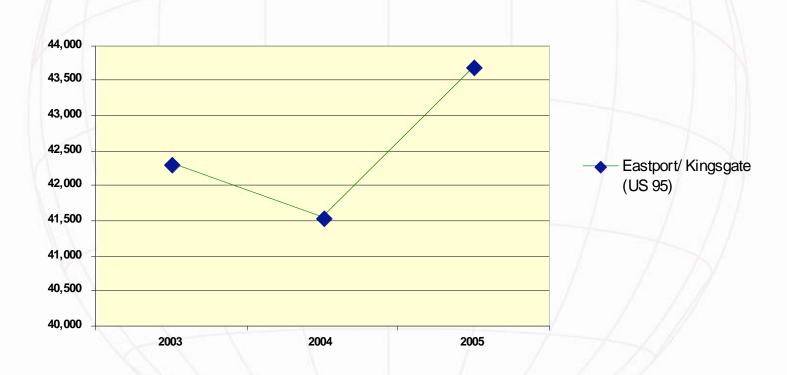
NAFTA Corridors



Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 2005; FHWA, Aug.2005, Migration Policy Institute, 2003

Regional Freight Increasing

Eastport/ Kingsgate (US 95) Incoming Truck Traffic

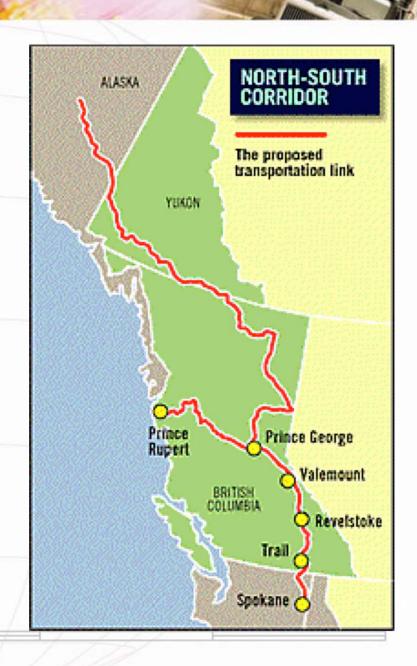






British Columbia

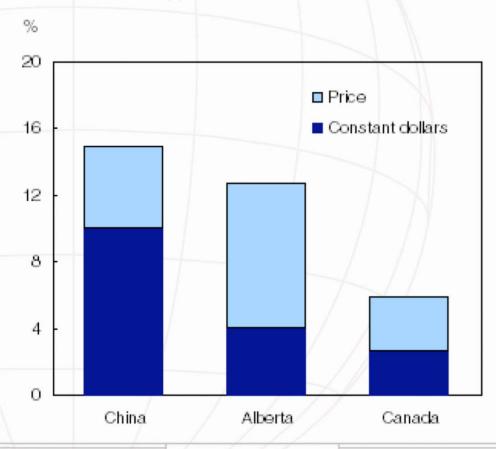
- BC government has committed millions for a Pacific Gateway strategy
- Prince Rupert
 - 2-3 days closer to Asia
 - \$170 Million new terminal
 - \$650 Million second phase



Our Regional Opportunity

- •Strongest period of economic growth recorded by any province in Canada- EVER
- •80 percent of country investment in 2004 happened in Alberta.
- •GDP rose by 43 percent between 2002 and 2005.

Alberta's gross domestic product growth between 2002 and 2005 approaches China's



StatsCanada, 2006

This region has significant assets...



The Port of Lewiston: lowest cost transportation from the Inland Northwest to the Port of Portland.



Spokane International
Airport: Activity levels
doubled with more
dramatic increases
expected in the future.



"Bridging the Valley", Enhance development opportunities with a single rail corridor served by the region's largest railroads.



Thousands of miles of fiber through Noanet, Columbia fiber, INHS, and others. Soon to be linked to Gigapop.

...that can be leveraged as a system

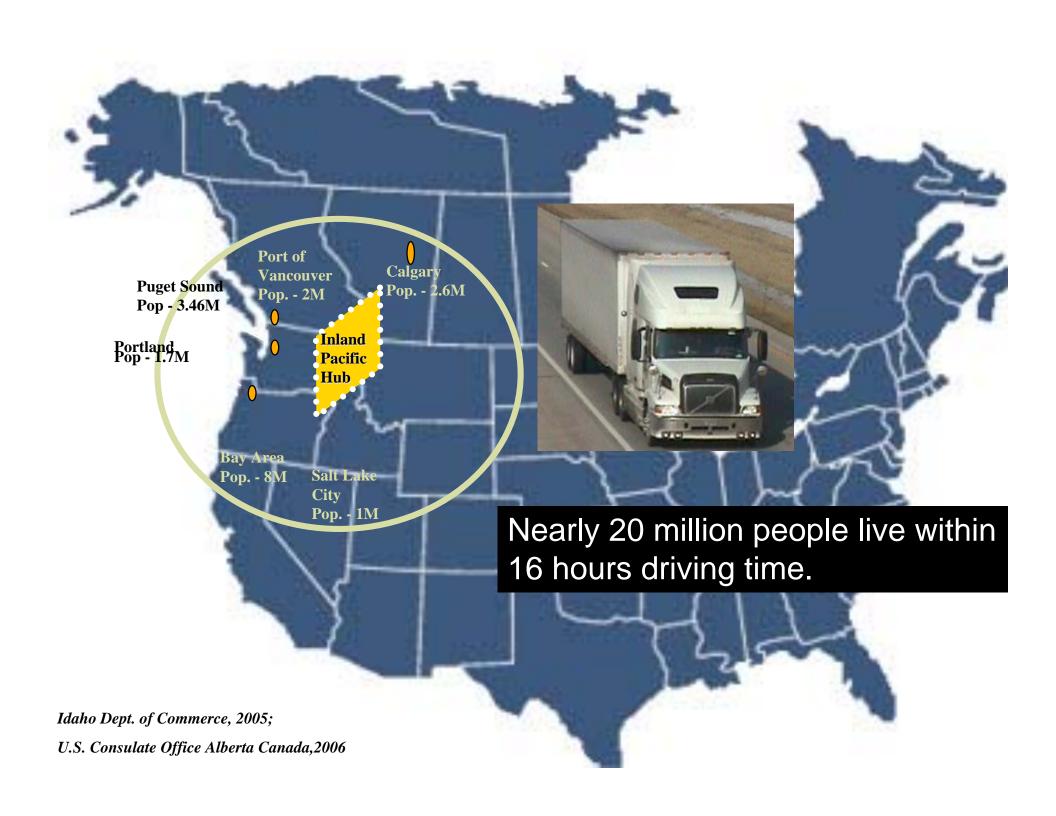


Geiger Spur Project: Will connect with the Palouse River and Coulee City Railroad (PCC) near Medical Lake



Columbia Snake River System: Carries 40 percent of all U.S. wheat exports and over 60 percent of Eastern Washington wheat.

Eastport, Idaho: is the one of two 24-hour, homeland security ports of entry between Oroville, Washington and Eureka, Montana.



Major markets are close at hand

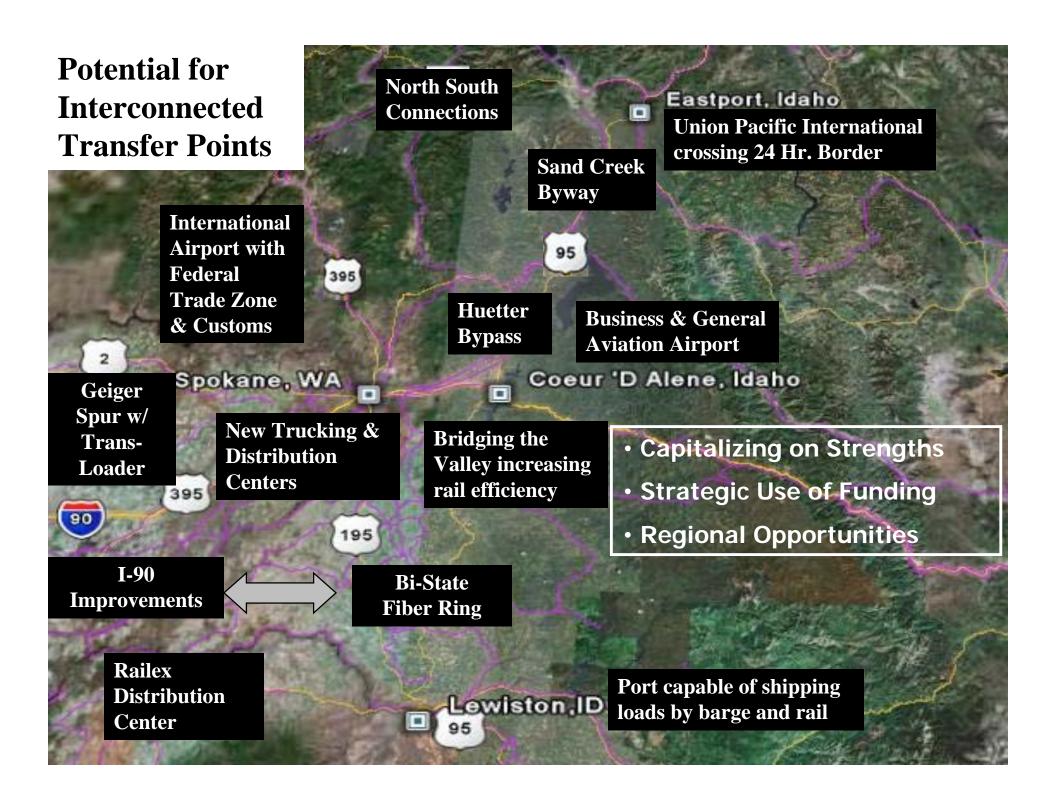
	Tokyo	Hong Kong	Chicago	New York	London
Seattle	4,790	6,640	1,730	2,410	4,790
San Francisco	5,140	6,960	1,850	2,570	5,360
Los Angeles	5,570	7,340	1,740	2,460	5,440
Spokane Int'l Airport	4,990	6,660	1,510	2,180	4,660





Spokane Int'l Airport	\$ 900
Hong Kong	\$ 2,870
New York - JFK	\$ 3,370
Portland	\$ 1,710
Seattle	\$ 2,160
Taipei	\$ 2,140
Tokyo	\$ 7,150
Vancouver	\$ 3,440

Based on Average landing fees, 2005 SIA Air Cargo Logistics Center, 2005



Inland Pacific Hub A global reach for commerce



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